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(b) whether the Government of India in December 1927 communicated to the Local Governments the order of the Secretary of State listing more posts of District Superintendents of Police for Deputy Superintendents of Police, and whether the Government will place a copy of the order on the Council Table;

(c) whether any effect has been given to this order; and

(d) if not, when and how the Government propose to give effect to the same?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware of any such promise.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

Vacancies in the selection grade appointments in the Provincial Police Service.

*763-D Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether acting appointments are made to posts in the selection grade in the Imperial Police;

(b) whether such appointments are also made to posts in the selection grade in the Provincial Police; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the three selection grade appointments in the Provincial Police are virtually vacant in view of the fact that the officers in the selection grade always act as District Superintendents of Police?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Appointment of Deputy Superintendents of Police.

*763-E Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Srinivasa Sastri, Nargunam, Walton and Venkataramanujam have been recently appointed Deputy Superintendents of Police;

(b) whether these officers were tried as Deputy Superintendents of Police during the time of Messrs. Thomas and Armitage and reverted; if so, on what grounds;

(c) whether the Government have called for and perused the papers ordering their reversions before re-appointing them; and

(d) whether there are any other Deputy Superintendents of Police who have been continuously acting for the last four or five years and if so, whether their claims will be taken into consideration in preference to these three gentlemen?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Government cannot answer the questions. Recommendation rolls are strictly confidential.

(d) (1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot promise now to give a preference to one particular man over another.